



These positions are open to all current US Department of Agriculture and US Department of the Interior employees.

Are you ready to see some of the most beautiful scenery in the world all while working a detail in one of the most unique wildland firefighting organizations in the country? BLM (Alaska Fire Service) is looking to fill two 120-day detail positions as a GS-8 and/or a GS-9 helicopter manager to support the Galena Fire Management Zone located in Western Alaska.

The AFS Zone's boundaries encompass some of the most diverse and stunning landscape in the world. BLM in Alaska is almost entirely roadless, because of this the Alaska Fire Service relies heavily upon aviation to support its fire program. While working for AFS, helicopter managers can expect to gain a wide variety of opportunities and a wealth of experience.

Unit:

For most of the fire season the two Galena Zone positions are based in the remote Yukon River village of Galena. At approximately 93.5 million acres, Galena is the largest BLM AFS Fire Management Zone. It covers an area in Western Alaska from the North Slope south to the Yukon River; and from the west coast east to the border of the Tanana Zone. The zone operates a remote field station during the fire season. Facilities at the Galena field station include a dispatch center, housing and dining facilities, a maintenance shop, and a warehouse. Food and lodging are provided at the AFS barracks on Fort Wainwright and in Galena. One position will manage the Type 2 helicopter (a Bell 205A++) and the other position is the relief helicopter manager who will be expected to cover both zone helicopters as needed. The other zone helicopter being a Type 3 AS350BIII.

Community:

The city of Galena is located on the bank of the majestic Yukon River, 240 nautical miles west from Fairbanks. It's accessible in the summer months by boat and two commercial airlines. It was established in 1918 as a supply camp for ore mines in the local area. During World War II, Galena Airfield was designated as a Galena Air Force Station, which played a critical role in the lend-lease

program. Until 1993, it was a forward operating base of the 5072nd Air Base Group. Currently, Galena has approximately 470 residents, 2 schools, 1 store, 1 coffee shop, and a health clinic.

To qualify for the GS-8 you must meet Red Book Standards for Assistant Helicopter Crew Supervisor. However, applicants may be considered who are HEBM(T) and ICT4(T).

To qualify for the GS-9 you must meet Red Book standards for Fire Helicopter Crew Supervisor.

The closing date for the details will be **April 12**.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to broaden your horizons both figurately and literally.

The desired start date for these two details is May 23 (start date may be negotiable).

For more information, please contact Galena Zone AFMO Dustin Widmer at dwidmer@blm.gov / (907)356-5623 or Galena Zone HMGB Nathan Gilmore at ngilmore@blm.gov / (605)941-1036.

Alaska Fire Service Galena Zone Helicopter Manager Outreach 2022

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Current Employer:

Current Forest/District:

Type of Appointment:

Series and Grade:

Current Position Title: